

# The State and Revolution Half-Day Course, Programme

## Format:

Welcome. Prologue (0), if required. Distribute material up to #3.

1. Chapter 1; Break.

2. Chapter 2; Break.

3. Chapter 3

Announcements. Distribute #4 and list. Distribute material for next school.

## Booklets and sheets:

- Guidelines
- Introductions
- 0 The April Theses
- 1 Chapter 1, Class Society and the State
- 2 Chapter 2, The Experience of 1848-1851
- 3 Chapter 3, The Paris Commune
- 4 Chapter 5, Withering Away of the State
- List

## General Guidelines for the CU Half-Day Schools

1. The purpose of the school is to generate *dialogue* among the participants
2. Avoid creating a “platform”. Use a “*boardroom*” set-up, or in a large hall with many people, create an “A” shape.
3. Have a chairperson, to limit the facilitator, to encourage the shy to speak, and to “*keep the pot boiling*”.
4. The facilitator’s job is to introduce the material and to leave the greater part (two thirds or three quarters) of the time to *discussion* by the participants.
5. The Half-Day Schools can take four hours or less. They can typically be done in three one-hour sessions, with breaks. Hence they are divided into *three* more-or-less equal parts (1, 2 and 3).
6. There is a short, optional, *warm-up* item (0) which can be used while people are arriving.
7. There is a *further reading* item (5), for handing out at the end.
8. The given *Introductions* may be printed and handed out, or not. They should not be used verbatim. They are only there to provide some hints and options. Priority is to connect.
9. The course *list* should be given out and circulated by e-mail to encourage even more reading.
10. If part of the reading for the *next school* can be dished out at the previous one, then there is the chance that some comrades will be better prepared.

## Notes on Lenin’s ‘The State and Revolution’:

‘The State and Revolution’ is itself a political-education course that uses original texts of Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. This Half-Day course is an edited version of a ten-part CU course that contains all six of Lenin’s Chapters, plus texts that Lenin mentions in the book.

Lenin saw that even, or especially, in the middle of revolution, political education on a massive scale was needed. This must be one of our lessons.

Lenin also saw that the struggle was a freedom struggle, and that the “withering away of the state” is a revolutionary concern of today, and not something to put off.

## Lenin's The State and Revolution

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Words</u>	<u>Pages</u>
16-00-1	CU	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, Intro Booklet 1 of 4</a>	2012	3536	12
16-00-2	CU	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, Intro Booklet 2 of 4</a>	2012	3861	12
16-00-3	CU	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, Intro Booklet 3 of 4</a>	2012	4082	12
16-00-4	CU	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, Intro Booklet 4 of 4</a>	2012	3777	12
16-01-1	Lenin	<a href="#">The April Theses</a>	1917	1807	8
16-01-2	Marx	<a href="#">Address to CC of Communist League</a>	1850	4166	12
16-02-1	Lenin	<a href="#">Lecture on The State</a>	1919	7252	16
16-03-1	Engels	<a href="#">Origin of Family, Property and State, C9</a>	1884	8328	16
16-04-1	Lenin	<a href="#">State and Revolution, C1, Class Society and the State</a>	1917	6141	16
16-05-1	Lenin	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, C2, Experience of 1848-1851</a>	1917	4369	12
16-05-2	Marx	<a href="#">The Poverty of Philosophy, excerpts</a>	1847	4107	12
16-05-3a	M/E	<a href="#">Communist Manifesto - Bourgeois and Proletarians</a>	1848	4973	12
16-05-3b	M/E	<a href="#">Communist Manifesto – Proletarians and Communists</a>	1848	3760	12
16-05-4a	Marx	<a href="#">18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte, C1 and part C6</a>	1852	5091	12
16-05-4b	Marx	<a href="#">18th Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte, C7</a>	1852	5708	12
16-06-1	Lenin	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, C3, The Paris Commune</a>	1917	6630	16
16-06-2	Marx	<a href="#">The Civil War in France, C5, Paris Commune</a>	1871	6436	16
16-07-1	Lenin	<a href="#">The State and Revolution, C4, Explanations by Engels</a>	1917	9028	20
16-07-2	Engels	<a href="#">The Housing Question, Part Three</a>	1872	9970	20
16-07-3	M/E	<a href="#">On Authority, On Indifferentism</a>	1872, 3	3590	12
16-08-1	Lenin	<a href="#">State and Revolution, C5, Withering of the State</a>	1917	6496	16
16-08-2a	Marx	<a href="#">Critique of the Gotha Programme, Forewords, I and II</a>	1875	5944	16
16-08-2b	Marx	<a href="#">Critique of the Gotha Programme, III, IV, Appendix</a>	1875	2511	8
16-09-1	Lenin	<a href="#">State and Revolution, C6, Vulgarisation by Opportunists</a>	1917	6121	16
16-10-1	Ron Press	<a href="#">New tools for Marxists</a>	1994	5139	16
16-10-2	Blunden	<a href="#">Collaborative Projects</a>	2011	9928	20
<b>Totals:</b>				<u>142 751</u>	<u>364</u>

Above files are at <https://sites.google.com/site/cu2012courses/16-lenin-s-the-state-and-revolution>

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